

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 14, 15, 20 and 21, and ADD new claim 22 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A message processing system comprising:

judging means for analyzing a received message, and for judging whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled;

means for performing a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if said judging means judged that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred; and

means for passing said received message to a standard destination of said received message if said judging means judged that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition, and

wherein said process corresponding to said fulfilled predetermined condition includes at least one of modification or setting of substantial contents of said received message, modification or setting of display destination of said received message, and modification or setting of recording destination of said received message, and

wherein a content of said process corresponding to said fulfilled predetermined condition is defined in a tag data structure including said predetermined condition including said requirement relating to said time when said received message occurred and a corresponding processing content including at least one of: a message content to be transferred, a display destination to be set, and a recording destination to be set.

2. (currently amended) The message processing system as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

~~a storage device for storing said predetermined condition and a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition; and~~

setting means for setting said predetermined condition and a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said tag data structure in a said storage device.

3. (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) The message processing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said process corresponding to said predetermined condition is a process for changing a notification destination of said received message in accordance with a priority set in advance, when the notification fails.

5. (previously presented) The message processing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said process corresponding to said predetermined condition is a process for executing a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition at a time corresponding to said predetermined condition.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) The message processing system as set forth in claim 2, wherein said setting means receives an e-mail including a predetermined condition, a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition, and a mail body, and sets said predetermined condition and said processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said storage device, and wherein said judging means determines whether a message subsequent to said e-mail fulfills said predetermined condition set by said setting means in response to receipt of said e-mail.

8. (currently amended) A message processing program embodied on a medium, said message processing program comprising:

analyzing a received message, and judging whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled;

performing a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if it is judged in said analyzing and judging that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred; and

passing said received message to a standard destination of said received message if it is judged in said analyzing and judging that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition, and

wherein said performing comprises at least one of:

modifying or setting substantial contents of said received message;

modifying or setting display destination of said received message; and

modifying or setting recording destination of said received message, and

wherein a content of said process corresponding to said fulfilled predetermined condition is defined in a tag data structure including said predetermined condition including said requirement relating to said time when said received message occurred, and a corresponding processing content including at least one of: a message content to be transferred, a display destination to be set, and a recording destination to be set.

9. (currently amended) The message processing program as set forth in claim 8, further comprising:

setting said predetermined condition and a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said tag data structure in a storage device.

10. (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) The message processing program as set forth in claim 8, wherein said performing comprises changing a notification destination of said received message in accordance with a priority set in advance, when the notification fails.

12. (previously presented) The message processing program as set forth in claim 8, wherein said performing comprises executing a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition at a time corresponding to said predetermined condition.

13. (previously presented) The message processing program as set forth in claim 9, wherein said setting comprises:

receiving an e-mail including a predetermined condition, a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition, and a mail body; and

setting said predetermined condition and said processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said storage device, and

wherein said analyzing and judging comprises determining whether a message subsequent to said e-mail fulfills said predetermined condition set in said setting in response to receipt of said e-mail.

14. (currently amended) A message processing method, comprising:

analyzing a received message, and judging whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled; and

performing a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if it is judged in said analyzing and judging that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred; and

passing said received message to a standard destination of said received message if it is judged in said analyzing and judging that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition, and

wherein said performing comprises at least one of:

modifying or setting substantial contents of said received message;

modifying or setting display destination of said received message; and

modifying or setting recording destination of said received message, and

wherein a content of said process corresponding to said fulfilled predetermined condition is defined in a tag data structure including said predetermined condition including said requirement relating to said time when said received message occurred, and a corresponding processing content including at least one of: a message content to be transferred, a display destination to be set, and a recording destination to be set.

15. (currently amended) The message processing method as set forth in claim 14, further comprising:

setting said predetermined condition and a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said tag data structure in a storage device.

16. (cancelled)

17. (previously presented) The message processing method as set forth in claim 14, wherein said performing comprises changing notification destination of said received message in accordance with a priority set in advance, when the notification fails.

18. (previously presented) The message processing method as set forth in claim 14, wherein said performing comprises executing a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition at a time corresponding to said predetermined condition.

19. (previously presented) The message processing method as set forth in claim 15, wherein said setting comprises:

receiving an e-mail including a predetermined condition, a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition, and a mail body; and

setting said predetermined condition and said processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said storage device, and

wherein said analyzing and judging comprises determining whether a message subsequent to said e-mail fulfills said predetermined condition set in said setting in response to receipt of said e-mail.

20. (currently amended) A message processing system comprising:

a judging unit to analyze a received message, and to judge whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled;

a performing unit to perform a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if said judging unit judged that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred; and

a passing unit to pass said received message to a standard destination of said

received message if said judging unit judged that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition, and

wherein said process corresponding to said fulfilled predetermined condition includes at least one of modification or setting of substantial contents of said received message, modification or setting of display destination of said received message, and modification or setting of recording destination of said received message, and

wherein a content of said process corresponding to said fulfilled predetermined condition is defined in a tag data structure including said predetermined condition including said requirement relating to said time when said received message occurred, and corresponding processing content including at least one of: a message content to be transferred, a display destination to be set, and a recording destination to be set.

21. (currently amended) A message processing system, comprising:

a judging unit that analyzes a received message, and judges whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled;

a unit that performs a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if said judging unit judged that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred; and

a passing unit that passes said received message to a standard destination of said received message if said judging ~~means~~ unit judged that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition, and

wherein said predetermined condition further includes a requirement relating to a combination of a plurality of messages, and

wherein a content of said process corresponding to said fulfilled predetermined condition is defined in a tag data structure including said predetermined condition including said requirement relating to said time when said received message occurred, and a corresponding processing content.

22. (new) A message processing system, comprising:

a processing unit that analyzes a received message, determines whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message

occurred is fulfilled, and performs a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if said processing unit determines that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition, including the requirement relating to the time when said received message occurred; and

 a transmitting unit that transmits said received message to a predetermined alternate destination of said received message if said processing unit determined that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition,

 wherein said predetermined condition further includes a requirement relating to a combination of a plurality of messages, and

 wherein a content of said process corresponding to said fulfilled predetermined condition is defined in a tag data structure.